court. The issue of encroachment at Calcutta airport has been taken up with the West Bengal Government to remove the same. Besides, security guards have been deployed at Delhi and wall has been constructed in some areas to prevent further encroachments. Periodic checks are also undertaken to contain further encroachment.

Payment made by Ashoka Hotel

808. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of up-to-date payments made by Ashoka Hotel, a unit of India Tourism Development Corporation, New Delhi to Raddison International of USA;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of occupancy of hotel rooms, and sales in restaurants, have been much below even the break point due to lack of proper management of Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi while other five star hotels of equal status in the city have been raising their profits;

(c) the details of occupaney rate month-wise and each restaurant's sales month-wise recorded by the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi in the past two years; and

(d) what efforts are being made to bring about efficient management with proper personnel?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) ITDC has made a lump sum payment of Rs. 22.83 lakhs to M/s Raddison International Corporation.

(b) to (d) The average occupancy of Ashoka Hotel for the year 1991 and 1992 was 56 per cent and 62 per cent respectively. We do not compare the performance of ITDC hotels with private sector hotels. A statement showing month-wise occupancy and turnover in respect of Ashoka Hotel for the last two years is given (See below). ITDC has taken a number of steps for the efficient management of Ashoka Hotel which include training of personnel employed in the hotel, better marketing efforts, renovation of rooms and certain other areas.

Statement

Detail of Occupancy Rate Monthwise and turnover in respect of Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi

(Rs. in lakh)

Month	1991		1992	
	Occupancy	Turn-over	Occupancy	Turnover
	%		%	
January	61	143.69	60	165.60
February	55	139.38	74	269.94
March	55	159.87	62	198.96
April	55	127.95	54	150.02
May	42	115.44	45	130.68

	%		%	
June	40	90.59	41	90.02
July	47	107.52	49	128.11
August	51	126.90	64	178.10
September	65	197.81	63	169.19
October	54	141.40	77	273.55
November	72	215.70	89	321.57
December	70	222.54	71	209.81
TOTAL	56% (Average)	1,788.79	62% (Average)	2085.55

Involving private sector for developing Tourism Infrastructure

809. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to involve the Private Sector for the development of tourism infrastructure in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of financial incentives/ concessions have been offered by the Government to attract private investment in the development of tourism infrastructure. These include tax incentives, interest subsidy on loans, concessional import duty on capital goods, cars and coaches, priority to the allocation of gas and telephone connections etc.

Problems faced by tourists

810. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major problem faced by tourists is lack of toilet and drinking water facilities at important places of tourist interest in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The lack of toilet and drinking water facilities is experienced by tourists at some places of tourist interest in the country. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments and the Archaeological Survey of India to create/ augment toilet and drinking water facilities at such places in the country.

Steps to promote tourism in Ladakh

811. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to promote tourism in Ladakh;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no worthwhile tourists complex or medical or relief centre on Leh-Manali road; and